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# QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL

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## CLINTON, CHRISTIE LEAD PRIMARY PACKS IN NEW JERSEY, QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY POLL FINDS; BUT VOTERS SOUR ON GOV AS 2016 CANDIDATE

New Jersey voters are staying local in the 2016 White House race, as Gov. Christopher Christie and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton from neighboring New York both lead their respective presidential primary fields, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released today.

But the prospect of a Gov. Christie presidential bid is unpopular with Garden State voters, who give Secretary Clinton a 52 – 39 percent lead over Christie in the main event, the independent Quinnipiac (KWIN-uh-pe-ack) University Poll finds.

Christie leads the Republican primary pack with 24 percent, followed by 2012 standard-bearer Mitt Romney with 18 percent and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush with 13 percent. No other candidate tops 6 percent and 14 percent are undecided.

Clinton owns the Democratic primary with 65 percent of voters, followed by Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren with 11 percent and Vice President Joseph Biden with 7 percent. No other candidate tops 3 percent and 11 percent are undecided.

“A year from now, we’ll be focused on the first presidential primary in New Hampshire. If New Jersey primary voters were to decide, it would be the Native Son, Gov. Christopher Christie, vs. the Girl Next Door, Hillary Clinton,” said Quinnipiac University Poll Assistant Director Maurice Carroll. “His home-state Republicans give the Gov a primary-election lead over two-time loser Mitt Romney and the other brother, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

“But the lady from across the Hudson River in Chappaqua continues to dominate presidential predictions in New Jersey. She rules the Democratic roost and leads all the Republicans – easily.

“She has more than 50 percent against every one of the Republicans, including Christie.”

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Hillary Clinton leads top Republican 2016 White House contenders in New Jersey:

- 52 – 39 percent over Christie;
- 53 – 37 percent over Jeb Bush;
- 54 – 35 percent over U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky;
- 56 – 33 percent over former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee;
- 53 – 38 percent over Romney.

In the Clinton-Christie matchup, the Democrat leads 60 – 33 percent among women, while the Republican gets 46 percent of men to Clinton’s 42 percent.

In the other matchups, Clinton’s leads among women range from 30 to 37 percentage points. She leads Huckabee 47 – 40 percent among men, while men are more evenly divided in the other matchups.

New Jersey voters give Clinton a 58 – 37 percent favorability rating, while all the Republicans, especially Christie, get negative or split scores;

- 42 – 52 percent for Christie;
- 30 – 31 percent for Bush;
- 25 – 30 percent for Paul;
- 25 – 31 percent for Huckabee;
- 40 – 45 percent for Romney.

“Even on that standard poll question – favorability – Christie is down 10 percentage points. His fellow Republicans don’t do much better,” Carroll said. “Clinton meanwhile, has a 21-point plus.”

### A Christie Presidential Bid

Garden State voters have nothing good to say about a Christie run for president, and say 52 – 41 that the 2016 campaign is distracting him from his duties as governor.

He should not run for president, voters say 56 – 40 percent, and he would not make a good president, voters say 57 – 36 percent.

If Christie does run, he should resign, voters say 66 – 31 percent.

From January 15 – 19, Quinnipiac University surveyed 1,211 New Jersey voters, with a margin of error of +/- 2.8 percentage points. Live interviewers call land lines and cell phones.

The Quinnipiac University Poll, directed by Douglas Schwartz, Ph.D., conducts public opinion surveys in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Florida, Ohio, Virginia, Iowa, Colorado and the nation as a public service and for research.

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1. (If Registered Republican) If the Republican primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were, Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Mike Huckabee, Bobby Jindal, John Kasich, Rand Paul, Rick Perry, Mitt Romney, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum and Scott Walker, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Bush	13%	17%	9%
Carson	6	7	4
Christie	24	26	22
Cruz	6	8	3
Huckabee	4	4	4
Jindal	2	2	1
Kasich	-	-	1
Paul	5	6	3
Perry	1	1	-
Romney	18	13	23
Rubio	3	2	4
Santorum	-	-	-
Walker	4	6	3
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	1	1	-
DK/NA	14	7	22

1a. (If candidate chosen q1) Who is your second choice?

	REGISTERED REPUBLICANS CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q1		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Bush	12%	11%	13%
Carson	5	7	3
Christie	13	12	14
Cruz	4	3	5
Huckabee	5	4	6
Jindal	5	7	1
Kasich	-	-	-
Paul	6	8	3
Perry	2	3	2
Romney	19	19	20
Rubio	8	6	10
Santorum	5	5	5
Walker	6	8	4
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	1	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	9	6	13

2. (If Registered Democrat) If the Democratic primary for President were being held today, and the candidates were, Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Martin O'Malley, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren and Jim Webb, for whom would you vote?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Biden	7%	11%	5%
Clinton	65	58	68
O'Malley	-	-	-
Sanders	3	4	2
Warren	11	11	11
Webb	1	1	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	2	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	2
DK/NA	11	10	11

2a. (If candidate chosen q2) Who is your second choice?

	REGISTERED DEMOCRATS CANDIDATE CHOSEN Q2		
	Tot	Men	Wom
Biden	37%	34%	38%
Clinton	14	15	14
O'Malley	2	5	-
Sanders	4	5	3
Warren	23	21	24
Webb	1	2	1
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	-	-	-
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	-	-	-
DK/NA	19	18	19

3. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	52%	11%	90%	49%	42%	60%	54%	50%	53%
Christie	39	82	6	37	46	33	37	44	36
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	-	3	2	1	1	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	5	1	5	7	2	7	2	5
DK/NA	4	1	2	5	4	4	1	3	4

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Chris Christie the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Oct 01 2014	Aug 06 2014	Feb 20 2013
Clinton	52	50	50	50	49
Christie	39	39	40	42	45
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	4	3	2	3	1
DK/NA	4	6	6	4	5

4. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	53%	9%	93%	51%	43%	61%	62%	50%	53%
Bush	37	86	3	33	43	31	29	39	38
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	1	1	4	3	1	2	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	4	5	2	5	3	2
DK/NA	5	2	2	8	6	5	2	6	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Jeb Bush the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Oct 01 2014	Aug 06 2014
Clinton	53	53	53	54
Bush	37	31	32	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	4	3
DK/NA	5	9	9	6

5. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	54%	10%	93%	53%	44%	63%	52%	53%	56%
Paul	35	80	2	33	43	28	38	37	33
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	3	3	1	3	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	4	3	2	2	2	3
DK/NA	6	5	4	7	7	5	5	7	5

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Rand Paul the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Oct 01 2014	Aug 06 2014
Clinton	54	55	55	55
Paul	35	31	31	35
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2	2	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	4	3	2
DK/NA	6	9	9	6

6. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	56%	13%	94%	57%	47%	64%	62%	56%	55%
Huckabee	33	79	2	27	40	27	26	35	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	3	-	4	3	2	3	1	3
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	1	5	4	2	5	3	2
DK/NA	5	3	2	7	6	5	4	4	6

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mike Huckabee the Republican, for whom would you vote?

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Clinton	56	57
Huckabee	33	34
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	2	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3
DK/NA	5	4

7. If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Clinton	53%	6%	95%	51%	43%	62%	58%	52%	53%
Romney	38	88	2	35	45	32	33	40	39
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	1	-	3	2	1	2	1	1
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	2	2	5	5	2	5	2	3
DK/NA	4	2	1	7	5	4	1	5	4

TREND: If the election for President were being held today, and the candidates were Hillary Clinton the Democrat and Mitt Romney the Republican, for whom would you vote?

Jan 22 Dec 11 Sep 26 Apr 19 Jan 25  
2015 2014 2007 2007 2007

Clinton	53	52	52	50	53
Romney	38	35	33	31	29
SMONE ELSE (VOL)	1	3	3	3	2
WLDN'T VOTE (VOL)	3	3	5	3	3
DK/NA	4	6	7	12	13

8. Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	58%	18%	92%	58%	49%	65%	64%	57%	55%
Unfavorable	37	78	6	35	45	30	31	38	39
Hvn't hrd enough	4	3	1	6	5	3	5	4	4
REFUSED	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Hillary Clinton favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about her?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014	Feb 20 2013	Jun 12 2008	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Feb 20 2013	Low Dec 13 2007
Favorable	58	58	60	67	51	67	43
Unfavorable	37	35	38	29	45	29	42
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	1	3	2	3	11
REFUSED	1	2	1	1	2	1	4

9. Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	42%	71%	21%	39%	42%	42%	37%	50%	38%
Unfavorable	52	25	73	53	53	51	58	45	54
Hvn't hrd enough	4	3	4	5	3	5	4	3	5
REFUSED	2	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	3

TREND: Is your opinion of Chris Christie favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him? (\*High also 69% Jan 2013, Feb 2013)

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014	Jul 10 2013	Jun 10 2013	FAVORABLE.....	
						High Mar 26 2013*	Low Aug 12 2008
Favorable	42	45	47	66	63	69	21
Unfavorable	52	47	47	27	27	22	7
Hvn't hrd enough	4	5	2	3	4	6	69
REFUSED	2	3	3	4	6	4	2

10. Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	30%	53%	12%	30%	37%	25%	15%	34%	34%
Unfavorable	31	12	50	29	29	33	24	30	35
Hvn't hrd enough	37	35	35	40	33	41	59	36	29
REFUSED	1	-	2	1	1	1	2	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Jeb Bush favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014
Favorable	30	25	32
Unfavorable	31	35	33
Hvn't hrd enough	37	37	33
REFUSED	1	2	2

11. Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	44%	7%	26%	34%	17%	31%	28%	21%
Unfavorable	30	16	46	31	27	33	22	26	36
Hvn't hrd enough	43	39	45	41	37	48	46	45	42
REFUSED	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Rand Paul favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Aug 06 2014
Favorable	25	25	31
Unfavorable	30	32	33
Hvn't hrd enough	43	41	34
REFUSED	2	2	2



12. Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	25%	55%	6%	21%	32%	19%	13%	26%	30%
Unfavorable	31	11	51	30	32	30	26	25	36
Hvn't hrd enough	43	34	42	47	35	50	59	48	34
REFUSED	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1

TREND: Is your opinion of Mike Huckabee favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Jan 22 2015	Aug 06 2014
Favorable	25	34
Unfavorable	31	31
Hvn't hrd enough	43	35
REFUSED	1	1

13. Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Favorable	40%	81%	12%	36%	46%	35%	33%	42%	41%
Unfavorable	45	10	74	46	44	46	52	42	45
Hvn't hrd enough	13	8	12	17	8	17	13	15	12
REFUSED	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2

TREND: Is your opinion of Mitt Romney favorable, unfavorable or haven't you heard enough about him?

	Jan 22 2015	Dec 11 2014	Jul 18 2012	May 16 2012	Apr 12 2012	FAVORABLE.....	
						High	Low
						Jan 22 2015	Jan 25 2007
Favorable	40	36	35	35	39	40	11
Unfavorable	45	48	43	41	37	45	12
Hvn't hrd enough	13	13	19	21	21	13	76
REFUSED	2	3	2	3	3	2	1

19. Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	36%	61%	19%	32%	39%	34%	31%	44%	33%
No	57	32	78	59	53	61	58	51	61
DK/NA	7	7	2	9	8	5	11	4	6

TREND: Do you think Chris Christie would make a good President or not?

	Jan 22	Dec 11	Aug 06	Apr 09	Mar 26	Dec 21	Nov 09
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2013	2010	2010
Yes	36	40	39	35	41	25	24
No	57	53	55	57	44	63	61
DK/NA	7	7	6	8	15	13	15

20. Would you like to see Chris Christie run for President in 2016 or not?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	40%	54%	29%	40%	43%	37%	37%	47%	36%
No	56	42	66	57	53	58	61	49	59
DK/NA	4	5	5	3	4	5	1	4	5

TREND: Would you like to see Chris Christie run for President in 2016 or not?

	Jan 22	Dec 11	Aug 06	Apr 09	Mar 26
	2015	2014	2014	2014	2013
Yes	40	44	46	43	46
No	56	50	49	52	47
DK/NA	4	6	5	5	8

21. If Chris Christie runs for President, which comes closer to your point of view; he should stay in office as Governor because he can still serve effectively while running for President, or he should resign from his job as Governor because he cannot serve effectively while running for president?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Stay in office	31%	54%	17%	27%	37%	26%	25%	36%	31%
Resign	66	45	80	70	60	71	74	61	67
DK/NA	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	3	2

TREND: If Chris Christie runs for President, which comes closer to your point of view; he should stay in office as Governor because he can still serve effectively while running for President, or he should resign from his job as Governor because he cannot serve effectively while running for president?

	Jan 22	Dec 11
	2015	2014
Stay in office	31	32
Resign	66	62
DK/NA	3	5

29. Do you think the 2016 presidential campaign is or is not distracting Chris Christie from his duties as governor?

	Tot	Rep	Dem	Ind	Men	Wom	AGE IN YRS.....		
							18-34	35-54	55+
Distracting	52%	37%	60%	55%	53%	51%	60%	42%	56%
Not distracting	41	59	28	38	41	40	31	52	37
DK/NA	7	3	12	7	5	9	8	6	7